

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: James P. Elia	)	
SERIAL NO.: 09/064,000	)	EXAMINER: Nicholas D. Lucchesi
FILED: April 21, 1998	)	
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	GROUP ART UNIT: 3732
FOR INSTALLATION OF	)	
DENTAL IMPLANT	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the outstanding Office Action of August 16, 2000. The concurrently filed three (3) month Request for Extension of Time extends the time for response to February 16, 2001. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the prior grounds of rejection for claims 1-6, inasmuch as such grounds could pertain to the newly submitted claims 7-191, and to favorably consider the allowance of such newly presented claims 7-191 in view of the remarks and evidence presented in this Amendment.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete "87,815" at line 4 of the paragraph inserted into this specification at page 2 of the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration submitted by Applicant's attorney on December 16, 1999 and substitute - 87,185 - .